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GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF ALHAMBRA SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Darrell R. Griffin Jr. of Alhambra, CA:

"Californians are forever grateful for Staff Sergeant Griffin's tremendous resolve in fighting for our country's cherished way of life. Darrell gave his life so that others may enjoy the same liberties Americans do. Maria and I pray for Darrell's family as they mourn their loss."

Griffin, 36, died March 21 as a result of injuries sustained when his unit came in contact with small arms fire during combat operations in Balad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, WA.

In honor of Staff Sgt. Griffin, Capitol Flags will be flown at half-staff.

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